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SUBJECT: PETROMIN FIVE YEAR PLAN

BEGIN SUMMARY: PETROMIN FIVE-YEAR PLAN CALLS FOR IN-VESTMENT OF OVER \$13 BILLION. PETROMIN BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTED PLAN APPROXIMATELY TWO-THIRDS THE SIZE AS ORIGINALLY ENVISAGED. END SUMMARY

1. MID JANUARY MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PETROMIN ADOPTED A FIVE-YEAR PLAN THAT IS COSTED AT 45 BILLION SAUDI RIYALS, THE EQUIVALENT OF \$13 BILLION. SO FAR, IN PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND INTERVIEWS WITH GOVERNOR ABDUL HADY TAHER, LIST OF PROJECTS INCLUDE OIL AND HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PLANTS, A 3 MILLION TON STEEL COMPLEX, AND AN ALUMINUM SMELTER WITH ANNUAL CAPACITY OF 210 THOUSAND TONS. GOVERNOR TAHER, WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAILS, SAID THAT THE PLAN ENVISAGED THE LAUNCHING OF SEVERAL OTHER PROJECTS DESIGNED TO MEET LOCAL NEEDS FOR PETROLEUM AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS. CERTAIN MINERAL INDUSTRIES WILL BE ESTABLISHED BOTH FOR EXPORT AND LOCAL CONSUMPTION, ALL OF THESE WITH FULL TRAINING OF PERSONNEL, AND SPECIAL MEDICAL SERVICES.

2. DETAILS ABOUT THE PLAN WILL BE PUBLISHED WITHIN FIVE TO SIX MONTHS ACCORDING TO SOURCES WITHIN THE CENTRAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION. THE PETROMIN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY AHMED ZAKI YAMANI, MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND MINERAL RESOURCES. ALSO ATTENDING WERE MINISTERIAL PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBERS: SHEIKH HISHAM NAZER, MOHAMMED ALA AL KHAYL AND SAUDI ARABIAN MONETARY AGENCY GOVERNOR AL-QURAYSHI, AND PRESIDENT AS WELL AS THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION, DR. FAYEZ BADR. THE PLAN WAS OUTLINED BY A FOREIGN CONSULTANT. ARTHUR D. LITTLE AND ASSOCIATES, THE ADL REPORT CALLED FOR TWO OPTIONAL PROGRAMS FROM WHICH THE BOARD HAD TO CHOOSE; OPTION A AND OPTION B. FIRST OPTION (2/3 SIZE OF ORIGINAL PLAN) ACCORDING TO THE ADL REPORT WAS TOO LARGE TO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN FIVZ YEARS. OPTION B WAS THOUGHT TO BE TOO SMALL BY THE BOARD. SO

THE \$13 BILLION OPTION A WAS CHOSEN BUT WILL BE ACTUALLY CARRIED OUT ACCORDING TO A SOURCE WITHIN THE CENTRAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION, AT THE SAME RATE AS OPTION B. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE REPORTED AS AVAILABLE. AKINS

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